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## Cop arrested for allegedly pointing gun at suspect

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Department of Public Safety officer Troy Anthony Taman Manahane was arrested yesterday morning and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

The charges stem from allegations that on Jan. 21, 2024, Manahane, 28, reportedly pointed and used his government-issued firearm to assault a person identified as a suspect in a domestic incident reported in Susupe.

Superior Court Associate  
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CHRYSTAL MARINO  
Police officer Troy Anthony Taman Manahane walks to his bail hearing yesterday at the Superior Court in Susupe.



## Employee who accused CUC of corruption placed on admin leave



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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employee Candice Nicole L.G. Muna has publicly accused CUC's administration of corruption in the form of unlawful termination, mismanagement of funds, and more.

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has placed on administrative leave an employee who openly accused CUC of corruption and more during a legislative session and CUC board meeting last week.

Last Tuesday, CUC executive director Kevin Watson issued a notice for Candice Nicole L.G. Muña, a CUC  
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## WikiLeaks' Julian Assange says he pleaded 'guilty to journalism' in order to be freed

By **PASCAL BASTIEN, BARBARA SURK and SYLVIA HUI**  
Associated Press

**STRASBOURG, France (AP)**—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said last Oct. 1 that he was freed after years of

incarceration because he "pled guilty to journalism."

In his first public remarks since he was released from prison in June, Assange gave evidence of the impact of his  
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## Palacios vetoes budget provision allowing HNP to use funds for inter-island medical referrals

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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios has vetoed a section on the fiscal year 2025 budget that allows the Health Net-

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## Local

## Day of Unity to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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In observation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence will hold a Day of Unity event this Saturday, with this year's theme "Solidarity for Safety" at the CPA Airport Field from 11am to 4pm.

"October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and our signature event during this month is the Day of Unity. Since 2012, the coalition has proudly hosted this event, and each year brings something special. We launched a new campaign that addresses the unique needs of our community, allowing us to introduce fresh ideas and perspectives. Our commitment to innova-

tion ensures that every year stands out and reflects our evolving understanding of domestic violence. This makes the Day of Unity a crucial part of our ongoing efforts to support victims and survivors and raise awareness in our community," said NMCADSV Communications manager Ha'Ane



Eugenio

Marie Eugenio.

She added that tying into the 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month theme, "Solidarity for Safety," the Day of Unity's main highlight is fostering a sense of community as we join together to advocate for an end to domestic violence in the CNMI. The Day of Unity has its roots in the

1980s when advocates across the U.S. united to raise awareness and speak out against domestic violence. This event serves as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to support survivors, promote healing, and advocate for safety in our community.

The Day of Unity is also a celebration of cultures coming together, and the program lineup is filled with vibrant cultural entertainment, that will feature talented dancers and singers. The attendees can look forward to performances from the Polksai Cultural Dancers, Polynesian Cultural Dance Performers, Kagman High School Refaluwasch Club, Saipan Southern High

School Nesian Club, Marianas High School Cultural Club, Saipan Awaodori Team, Anna Rose Deleon Guerrero, Joshua Paradise, Netty Cee, Profound Bandits, Tipiyew Bwiibwiis, and the Voices of the Marianas.

Various organizations will participate in the event, and each organization will have its exhibitor booths and engaging activities for children. These include the Rotaract Club of Saipan, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Bookmobile, Micronesia Legal Services Corp., Division of Youth Services-Child Protective Services, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.-Community Guidance

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## MANGO presents nonprofit sector facts, ongoing initiatives to Rotary Club

The Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations recently presented key insights on the nonprofit sector's contributions and discussed their ongoing initiatives during a meeting of the Rotary Club of Saipan. The presentation highlighted the vital role of nonprofits in the local economy and MANGO's efforts to align with global Sustainable Development Goals.

Shawna Babauta, MANGO's Communications and Membership manager, shared that nonprofit employment is the third-largest workforce in the U.S., following retail and manufacturing, representing approximately 12.5 million jobs, or about 10% of the private workforce. These jobs are primarily concentrated in healthcare, education, and social assistance sectors, making a significant impact on the economy and community well-being.

"The nonprofit sector in the CNMI holds great potential for enhancing service capacity, especially through partnerships with public agencies," Babauta said.

MANGO is actively encouraging its members to incorporate the SDGs into their organizational activities, aligning with the global 2030 Agenda to address critical issues like poverty, inequality, and climate change.

In her presentation, Babauta expressed appreciation for the Office of Planning and Development and their partners for laying the groundwork with the Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan, which has been instrumental in helping MANGO align its goals

with the SDGs.

Laurie Peterka, MANGO's Development & Communications director, elaborated, "The CNMI's Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan inspired MANGO to create the Giving Voice to Native Nonprofits project, aimed at empowering local nonprofits by enhancing statewide nonprofit data and strengthening connections between nonprofits and state planners. When the Green Grow Initiative launched, the alignment felt natural. Being invited to the table to help advance the SDGs and contribute to plans for a more resilient future for our islands aligns perfectly with MANGO's mission."

MANGO continues to provide essential services to the nonprofit community, including board training, financial management, and strategic planning, while also gathering nonprofit data to demonstrate economic impact and ensure transparency.

Babauta concluded by emphasizing the importance of collaboration and data in driving nonprofit growth and community development. Rotary Club members expressed interest in supporting these efforts and exploring future partnerships.

MANGO is a coalition dedicated to the advocacy and advancement of community-driven initiatives in the Marianas. MANGO focuses on environmental sustainability, social justice, and economic development, working collaboratively with various stakeholders to achieve these goals. (PR)

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# NMC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society inducts 69 new members

A total of 69 students from the Northern Marianas College pledged to distinguish themselves through academic excellence by contributing to the community and the Commonwealth through various community service and leadership activities as new members and officers of the Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa or PTK International Honor Society.

The new members of the PTK Honor Society were inducted on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater. Nearly 500 members have been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa since the student organization was revitalized in 2019. In order to qualify for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must distinguish themselves by maintaining a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in addition to serving and contributing to the community through various community service and leadership activities.

"On behalf of the advisors, I want to congratulate our Phi Theta Kappans for their hard work and commitment to the four pillars of the organization—scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. They continue to amaze us with their accomplishments. I also want to congratulate our incoming officers for taking the lead in this event and I am excited to hear what they have planned for members and our community," said PTK advisor Kaelani Demapan.



The newest members and officers Northern Marianas College's Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

sor Kaelani Demapan.

The PTK honor society also inducted its new officers: Bonnie Gio Sagana, president; Richard R. Baleares, vice president; Jin Kai Chen, treasurer; Christanella Mercado, recording secretary; Kayla San Nicolas, membership secretary; and Maria Sablan, public relations secretary. In addition, PTK recognized their lone golden opportunity scholar for this year, John Lawrence Apit.

"All the hard work and passion that my fellow PTK officers put into planning this induction for our 69 new Kappans is highly appreciated and we are so excited for them to be a part of our family and journey. It is because of the

new and current Kappans that we are able to continue working hard as the new officers and we want to ensure that we provide a more active year for our society as a whole. In the coming months, we have a lot planned for our members to gain more knowledge, community service, and build up their resumes to further their horizons," said Sagana.

"On behalf of the entire NMC Proa Tribe, I extend a heartfelt congratulations to our newest PTK inductees for their outstanding achievements. PTK is not just a recognition of academic excellence, but a call to leadership and service. I know our PTK members will continue to lead

with purpose, both on campus and in our community," said NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

Established by Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918, the PTK Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programming.

Currently, PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 4.3 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters located in fifty United States and territories as well as Canada and Germany. (PR)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Saipan experiences island-wide power outage yesterday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. experienced an island-wide power outage on Saipan yesterday starting at 7:28am.

At 8:05am, CUC said power to Feeder 1 was restored, followed by power to Feeder 7 also being restored by 8:28am. In its third update to customers, CUC said power to Kiya 1, Kiya 2, and Kiya 3 were restored at 8:37am. The last update saw power all throughout the island restored at 9:05am.

For more information, contact CUC's hotline at (670) 236-4333 and monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates. (PR)

### Wanted: Air traffic controllers

The Federal Aviation Administration is announcing the hiring of thousands of new air traffic controllers. The Fall 2024 application window opens on Oct. 11 and closes Nov. 4.

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# Former CPA board chair Ayuyu resigns

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REPORTER

The Office of the Governor has received the resignation letter of former Commonwealth Ports Authority board chair Joe Ayuyu. However, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios has yet to issue an official statement regarding Ayuyu's resignation as this leaves the board with a vacancy that he must fill.

Ayuyu, who gave up his chairmanship last month following an election of officers, has officially submitted his letter of resignation ultimately vacating his seat on the CPA board. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the resignation letter sits at the Office of the Governor. *Saipan Tribune* also tried to get a comment from Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, as he will have to appoint another in Ayuyu's place, but he was unable to provide a statement as of press time.

Meanwhile, when asked for a comment, CPA board chair Ramon Tebuteb said he has no comment. According to Ayuyu's letter, the main reason for his resignation is that because there are people on the board appointed by the previous administration, the board would not see eye

to eye from time to time. Ayuyu further explained that he needed a team that would work with him to implement what is necessary so that CPA could help grow the islands' tourism-based economy. Unfortunately, that was not the case, Ayuyu explained. However, Ayuyu still thanked Pa-

lacios for giving him the opportunity to serve the people of the CNMI even for a while. As board chair, one of the most notable actions taken by Ayuyu was paying off airport bonds worth nearly \$6 million through Divert Airfield funds in order to lower landing fees for airline partners.

# DPS mum on passing of former commissioner

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REPORTER

Former Department of Public Safety commissioner Robert Guerrero reportedly passed away last Monday evening due to natural causes. However, DPS has yet to issue a statement in honor of the former commissioner. Guerrero reportedly passed away due to health complications. He was survived by his wife and children. Guerrero served as DPS commissioner from 2016 until 2022. However, when *Saipan Tribune* attempted to get a statement from DPS, the department stated that they have no comments at this time.

*Saipan Tribune* also tried to get a comment from Gov. Arnold I. Palacios regarding the passing of Guerrero but he too had no comments as of press time. Meanwhile, *Saipan Tribune* got a statement from former governor Ralph DLG Torres who stated that he is saddened by the loss of another CNMI leader. "Upon learning of the passing of Mr. Robert Guerrero, I extend my condolences to his wife, Terry, and his children. His loss fills us with deep sadness. Mr. Guerrero dedicated eight years to serving our Commonwealth and its citizens as the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. He champi-

oned police officers' benefits, salaries, and improved workplace conditions, uplifting those in the department and reinforcing the vital support needed for our frontline protectors," he said. Torres stated despite the struggle of handling a department like DPS, Guerrero was a good leader. "The Department of Public Safety is one of the most challenging departments, and I was fortunate to have him lead during my time in office. As we reflect on Mr. Guerrero's significant contributions, we remember him not just as a commissioner but as a friend and a devoted public servant committed to making our Commonwealth a safer place for all," he said.

## ASSANGE

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detention and conviction to the legal affairs and human rights committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The Parliamentary Assembly includes lawmakers from 46 European countries. A group of supporters, holding a banner that said "Thank you, Julian" greeted Assange as he stepped out of a van smiling and raising his fist in defiance along with his wife, Stella, and WikiLeaks editor-in-chief, Kristinn Hrafnsson. "Assange is free! We are here. The world is with you," one supporter shouted before Assange entered the Council of Europe building early Tuesday. "I am not free today because the system worked," Assange said. "I am

free today after years of incarceration because I pled guilty to journalism." He added: "I pled guilty to seeking information from a source. I pled guilty to obtaining information from a source. And I pled guilty to informing the public what that information was." Assange was released in June after five years in a British prison after he pleaded guilty to obtaining and publishing U.S. military secrets in a deal with Justice Department prosecutors that concluded a drawn-out legal saga. Prior to his time in prison, he had spent seven years in self-imposed exile in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he claimed asylum on the grounds of political persecution. The transition from years in a maximum security prison to addressing the European parliamentarians has been a "profound and a surreal shift," Assange said as he detailed the experience of isolation in a small cell.

## EMPLOYEE

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employee who publicly accused CUC's administration of corruption in the form of unlawful termination, mismanagement of funds, and more. Muña made these statements during a CUC board meeting last Friday as well as during a joint public utilities, transportation and communications conference committee meeting last Thursday. In addition, Muña expressed her support for oversight by CPUC and to hold CUC accountable. In a statement from CUC's acting executive director Betty Terlaje following the accusations, CUC categorically and unequivocally denies the "unfounded and baseless" accusations.

"I cannot comment in detail as I respect the confidentiality of the matter and trust the process to resolve Miss Muna's concerns. However, I will say that we are disappointed that Miss Muña chose to voice her personnel grievance and make unwarranted allegations against management during the House PUTC hearing. We feel that these remarks may inadvertently detract from the important work being done for the very individuals she purports to represent. It is essential to approach these discussions with professionalism and care and allow the grievance process to take place accordingly. These involves personnel matter that is being handled in the proper administrative channels and, thus, CUC will not comment any further," she said. Then, last Tuesday, Watson served Muña a formal notification placing

her on administrative leave effective immediately pending further investigation into a number of incidences. First, Watson stated that Muña's complaint was unsubstantiated and without basis. "You submitted an entirely unsubstantiated complaint against a colleague. The employee filing the complaint bears the burden to prove the violations he/she is claiming. You failed to provide your witness list and evidence despite numerous reminders and extensions of deadlines," he said. Watson also stated that Muña displayed insubordination on multiple occasions, one of the instances being the disruption of last Friday's board meeting.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## PALACIOS

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to the Legislature following the signing of House Bill 23-115, House Draft 1, House Schedule 1, Senate Schedule 2, Palacios expressed that there were parts of the bill he vetoes before signing the legislation into Public Law 23-26. One of the vetoes made was the disapproval of subsection (e) regarding the use of HNP funding for inter-island medical referral. "I have disapproved the requirement in subsection (e) that the CNMI Medical Referral Program/ Health Network Program will include stipends, airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts in inter-island medical referral services," he said. Palacios explained that the appropriation will not suffice and if inter-island medical referral is necessary, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. should identify outside funding sources. "The appropriation for the Health

Network Program is insufficient to cover such costs. CHCC should have the flexibility to identify outside sources to address the budget gap," he said. The fiscal year 2025 budget sets aside \$800,000 for the Health Network Program. According to the budget proposal submitted by the Office of the Governor to the Legislature, the Office of the Governor is proposing a \$800,000 allocation for the HNP program. "This budget proposal allocates \$800,000 of the total \$6.5 million requested by CHCC for the operations and activities of the Health Network Program to defray the cost of medical care not available in the Commonwealth," said the governor's proposal. However, based on CHCC's projected expenditure for HNP for FY24, an allocation of \$800,000 may not suffice.

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Judge Kenneth Govendo issued a \$10,000 cash bail in the arrest warrant for Manahane, and in the hearing yesterday presided over by Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, the prosecution requested the bail be maintained. Manahane is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 16 at 10am and an arraignment on Oct. 21 at 9am. He was remanded back into the custody of the Department of Corrections. It was also ruled that the Public Defender's Office will not represent Manahane due to conflict as he was an active police officer and possibly involved with them on several pending cases. Camacho issued private attorney in the bar, Cong Nie, to represent Manahane. Assistant attorney general Frances Demapan will represent the CNMI.

According to court files, on Jan. 24, 2024, police reported a matter regarding a fellow officer and an incident during the morning of Jan. 21, 2024. An officer shared that while responding to a structure fire call, a man flagged him down near Joeten Susupe and made serious allegations against two police officers, claiming he was threatened with a gun. The man described the officers as tall and slim, later identified as Keanu Hosono, and the other short and stocky, later identified as Manahane, through a radio log sheet. On Jan. 24, 2024, at 12:54pm, police sergeant Juan Wabol and another officer arrived at CJ's Apartment where they met with the man. According to the man, he had a verbal dispute with his girlfriend. He said he did not want their argument to escalate to the point where law enforcement was required. He said he chose to leave the apartment temporarily until his girlfriend had calmed down. Throughout information gathering,

the man was invited to the PRO office for an interview. He recounted being outside Summer Snow's apartment when he saw a police car rushing and pulling up to the parking lot. He ran to the second floor to evade the officers and jumped out of a window, but was soon apprehended by Hosono, who instructed him to sit and asked if he remembered his partner, which the man denied having a partner to the officers. He said Manahane approached him; and instructed that he discard a pen he was holding and was told to get in the back seat of a marked police car. The man stated that he was sitting behind the passenger seat, Manahane was seated behind the driver seat, and Hosono was in the driver seat when he saw Manahane unbuckling his police belt and brandishing a gun.

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## UNITY

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Center, the Northern Marianas College's The Club of Artists, Karidat Social Services, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., CNMI Young Pacific Leaders, Office of the Attorney General-Criminal Division, Northern Marianas Athletics, CNMI Department of Public Safety, CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. Additionally, local food and drink vendors like Oh My Grill, Java Joe's, and Sweet7Oh will be on site. Attendees can participate in different activities, including bouncy houses, a Carabao cart, bubble stations, free face painting,

and an obstacle course facilitated by Northern Marianas Athletics. "We strive to provide a welcoming space for all families, encouraging a sense of togetherness and joy," added Eugenio. NMCADSV would like to thank the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Commonwealth Ports Authority, CNMI Department of Public Safety, and Ben Ki for their generous contributions. Eugenio said the event will proceed as planned, even if it rains. However, the safety of the attendees is their priority and if heavy downpours or severe weather conditions occur, they will assess the situation and will make necessary decisions. She encouraged the community to stay informed through their social media platforms @EndviolenceNMI for any updates.



# Palacios, Education chief inaugurates modern PSS alarm, safety systems



PSS

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the multimillion-dollar state-of-the-art alarm systems of all 20 public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota last Friday at Kagman Elementary School was led by Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho, Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho unveiled the computerized multimillion-dollar fire alarm, bell, and intercom systems for the entire Public School System last Oct. 4 at Kagman Elementary School.

The Office of the Governor funded this leading-edge fire alarm, bell, and intercom system—which is estimated to cost over \$4 million—with its portion of the federal grant. PSS co-shared a portion of this through the American Rescue Plan Act grant.

At the official ribbon-cutting last Friday afternoon, all 20 public elementary, middle, and high school campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota had their upgraded alarm systems officially unveiled, as well. The Office of the Governor-PSS partnership began two years ago in planning and putting together an effective and accessible school communications system that makes the learning and working environment safer and smarter.

G4S Security (Guam) Inc. was awarded the implementation of the computerized system.

Palacios and Camacho was also joined by Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), the Governor's Capital Improvement Projects administrator Elizabeth S. Balajadia, GF4 Security (Guam) Inc. general manager Teresa Sakasaki, Saipan Mayor Ramon "RB" B. Camacho, acting associate commissioner for Administrative Service Yvonne R. Pangelinan, PSS Facilities Development and Management director Edward Mendiola, and Kagman Elementary School principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Witnessing the event were close to 500 public elementary students, their classroom teachers, staff and public education stakeholders.

The investment was characterized by Palacios as



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Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho and Gov. Arnold I. Palacios are briefed about the new computerized alarm, bell and security system at Kagman Elementary School, which are implemented throughout all public schools in the CNMI.

part of his administration's "continuous support of our children's learning, and one critical aspect is their protection and safety."

For this new fiscal 2025, Palacios and Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang recommended allocating more funds for PSS.

"The launch of our PSS-wide digital system, which includes an intercom, fire alarm

and protection, and alarm system, is being celebrated simultaneously by all of our schools across the Commonwealth. Education chief Camacho stated, "This is a celebration of partnership between your Public School System and our CNMI government, through the Office of the Governor."

According to the Education chief, "all of our 20 schools



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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho pose for a photo with PSS-FDM director Edward Mendiola, Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia Demapan, and the G4S Security (Guam) Inc. team.



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Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho, and Public School System Federal Programs officer Jacqueline P. Che. The school district, through FPO, shared a portion of the \$4-million investment of the CNMI government.

have already been commissioned and our Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services said we are 'good to go.' He also said that this opens the door for coordinated alarm communication with the relevant government departments and agencies.

He added: "This is just one great example of our partnership with the central government and our federal partners. Now more than ever, we are meeting one of our strategic priorities, which is to ensure safe and caring schools."

This multimillion-dollar investment ensures fast, cutting-edge, and reliable alarm com-

munication technologies that safeguards students, employees, and property/infrastructure in all public schools.

The upgraded safety and security systems in all 20 public schools are digitally designed to also enhance monitoring of potential visitors and address the need to protect students from trespassers.

Mendiola expressed his appreciation to the Office of the Governor, PSS Federal Programs Office, Capital Improvement Project, DFEMS, all 20 schools, and the contractor for the successful implementation of a fast, modern and reliable alarm communication technology in the school district.

The school district already had the PSS alarm system upgrades planned as part of its long-term infrastructure development and investment plan. The plan was ultimately made a reality with the support of the Office of the Governor.

Three years ago, the Office of the Governor reached out to PSS, through the Office of the Commissioner of Education, to work together in modernizing the district's fire alarm, bell and intercom systems across all three islands. (PR)



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### NOTICE OF SOLICITATION TREATMENT SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SEX OFFENDERS FOR FEDERAL DEFENDANTS AND OFFENDERS

The U.S. Probation/Pretrial Services Office, Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, intends to procure **substance abuse, mental health, and sex offender treatment services** for federal defendants and offenders using Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs). Agreements are for **Fiscal Year 2025, with a provision for the Government to unilaterally extend the agreement in accordance with Section I, Clause 2-90D, Option to Extend the Term, for an additional four years, at four twelve-month intervals.** Separate BPAs will be issued for Guam and Saipan, and required services may include, but are not limited to: urine collection/testing; case management; assessments/evaluations; counseling in the areas of substance use, mental health, co-occurring disorders, and sex offense; and long term residential treatment.

Interested offerors must submit a letter of interest to Grace\_Flores@gup.uscourts.gov and Melinda\_Santos@gup.uscourts.gov no later than November 1, 2024. The letter should include the offeror's name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

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#### "CYBERSECURITY CENTRALIZED NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PER TSA REQUIREMENTS"

THE BID PACKAGE AND OTHER CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AT THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPON PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$100. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, CREDIT CARD, OR U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER. ALL APPLICANTS SHALL PAY THE \$100.00 TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BID.

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### EDITORIAL

#### Read the evidence: Jack Smith lays out the facts of Trump's attempted election steal

It's hard to believe but true, like so much else about Donald Trump's tenure: The 45th president's attempts to overturn the 2020 election and thwart the peaceful transfer of power were even worse than previously thought. So says a 165-page brief filed by Special Counsel Jack Smith, made public last week by D.C. Federal Judge Tanya Chutkan.

That brief recalibrates the government's charges against Trump in light of the summer's Supreme Court ruling giving presidents immunity or the presumption of immunity from criminal prosecution in many realms. As a result, certain previous prosecutorial threads are no longer there—but remaining elements of the case now come into even sharper focus than before.

The core point, Smith asserts, is that Trump was almost entirely acting as a candidate for office and not as president when he orchestrated most of the plot to upend the will of the people and steal the White House from the man voters had chosen in a free and fair election: "Although the defendant was the incumbent president during the charged conspiracies, his scheme was fundamentally a private one." Translation: The Supreme Court ruling, as bad as it is, doesn't shield him from criminal liability, not by a longshot.

Smith and his team then go on to flesh out the case against Trump.

In mid-November, in the runup to the Jan. 6 insurrection, VP Mike Pence offered Trump a "face-saving option," suggesting he not concede "but recognize the process is over." Trump rejected it.

And when Trump was told that Pence had to be rushed to a secure location for refusing to help him overturn the election—for doing his constitutional duty—Trump said "So what?" When the hordes chanted "Hang Mike Pence!", the power-hungry madman didn't care.

And an assistant to the president overheard a remark Trump made to family members post-election: "It doesn't matter if you won or lost the election," he was overheard saying. "You still have to fight like hell."

And when one of Trump's lawyers told him that his lies that the election had been stolen were doomed to fall apart in court, Trump answered, "The details don't matter."

In a typically ridiculous I'm-rubber-you're-glue move, Trump, of course, is attacking the judge for releasing evidence about his conspiracy to subvert the last election as an attempt to subvert the coming election. But the public has every right to know how hard the Republican candidate for president worked to cancel the will of the people four years ago, making the United States more like a corrupt developing-world democracy than the leader of the Free World.

Last week in Ripon, Wisconsin, the birthplace of the Republican Party, former GOP Rep. Liz Cheney campaigned alongside Kamala Harris—making their case that though Republicans and Democrats disagree on plenty, they should stand united for Harris and against Trump.

Cheney, a lifelong Republican who backed Trump in 2016 and 2020, was appalled by the Jan. 6 attack on the seat of our government and became the vice chair of the House Jan. 6 panel examining Trump's assault on the Constitution and the rule of law that led up to the riot. She saw the mountain of evidence and now thanks to Jack Smith and Judge Chutkan, every American can also see it.

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## Harris is auditioning to be commander-in-chief. Trump wants to be disrupter-in-chief

Presidential elections rarely hinge on questions of foreign policy, except when the United States is in a shooting war. Voters are more likely to make their choices based on how they feel about the economy, or abortion, or other domestic issues.

But foreign policy still has a way of barging into a campaign, especially when global events remind voters that the world is a dangerous place.

It has happened this year, as Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza mushroomed into a regional conflict, including an Iranian missile attack against Israel.

Vice President Kamala Harris abandoned her campaign schedule for a day to monitor the attack from the White House situation room, and seized the chance to sound like a commander-in-chief in waiting.

"I am clear-eyed," she said. "Iran is a destabilizing, dangerous force in the Middle East, and today's attack on Israel only further demonstrates that fact. ... My commitment to the security of Israel is unwavering."

Former President Donald Trump reacted by renewing his charge that the war in Gaza was a product of President Joe Biden's failures, and claimed—without offering evidence—that it would never have started if he were president.

"The whole world is blowing up," he said at a rally in Michigan last week. "We have incompetent people, and she's more incompetent than Biden."

Then he added this falsehood: "You know, I had no conflict. I had no wars."

During Trump's presidency, U.S. troops fought wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, and at least 65 died in combat. (He would be on firmer ground if he said he started no new wars, but that wouldn't serve his purpose; Biden hasn't started any new wars either.)

The point of their dueling statements wasn't to debate the nuances of U.S. policy in the Middle East—although they do have differences. (Harris has advocated a cease-fire in Gaza; Trump urged Israel to "finish the job.") It was to restate their claims to be the best choice as commander-in-chief.

On that count, voters face a choice that extends far beyond the Middle East—not on the details of diplomacy, but on basic principles of American foreign policy. The candidates approach the world with divergent premises.

Harris has placed herself squarely in the tradition of recent Democratic administrations, especially Biden's, arguing that the United States must lead strong international coalitions to contain autocrats such as Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

"In the enduring struggle between democracy and tyranny, I know ... where the United States belongs," she said at the Democratic National Convention.

Trump, meanwhile, has long expressed admiration for repres-

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sive autocrats, including Putin ("very strong control"), Xi ("an iron fist"), North Korea's Kim Jong Un and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"He views himself as a big guy," John Bolton, who served as national security advisor under Trump, told CNN this year. "Big guys like Erdogan in Turkey get to put people in jail and you don't have to ask anybody's permission. He kind of likes that."

But foreign leaders found Trump susceptible to manipulation, former Trump aides have said. "They know that flattery works with him," Bolton said.

Trump has denounced traditional U.S. alliances in Europe and Asia as scams by which devious foreigners have tricked gullible Americans into one-sided military and trade deals.

In his first term, he repeatedly threatened to withdraw the nation from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the 32-country military alliance that has been a cornerstone of U.S. security for 75 years. Bolton says he expects Trump to try to pull out of the alliance if he wins a second term.

The result, traditional foreign policy scholars say, would be a less stable world, leaving smaller countries vulnerable to powers such as Russia and China.

"If other countries can no longer rely on American security guarantees, everybody else is going to take matters into their own hands," said Fiona Hill, a former advisor to Trump. "They'll go out and arm themselves. Countries that don't have nuclear weapons will consider building their own. ... On some issues, the United States could even be marginalized — especially if you have an administration that isn't good at building partnerships."

The clearest case in point is Ukraine, locked in a grueling war against Russia, which invaded in 2022.

Harris, like Biden, has pledged to continue military and economic aid to the government of President Volodymyr Zelensky until it can negotiate from a position of strength.

"Putin's agenda is not just about Ukraine," she warned, suggesting that the Russian leader would threaten other countries if he won.

Trump, by contrast, argues that Ukraine has effectively lost the war already.

"It's demolished," he said before meeting with Zelensky last

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# The dominoes have been unleashed in the Middle East

War is unpredictable, but recent developments in the Middle East conflict have precipitously narrowed the options for key players. Contrary to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claims, it leaves no possible path to peace.

For a year, U.S. officials have implored the warring parties to avoid further escalation and pursue diplomatic solutions. They have specifically warned Israel against escalating its conflict with Hezbollah on the border with Lebanon into a second front in the war. But that is exactly what Netanyahu decided to do last month.

Israel had good cause to try to neutralize Hezbollah, as tens of thousands of Israeli civilians have had to flee the militant group's ongoing attacks over the past year. But that justification doesn't change the fact that more war, not less, is now on the horizon.

Using thousands of pagers and hundreds of walkie-talkies as mini-bombs across Lebanon, followed by dozens of airstrikes, Israel has killed scores of senior figures of the terrorist group, with ample civilian collateral damage. More than 1,000 people are already dead and more than 1 million displaced across Lebanon. It is also the first time in nearly two decades that Israel has struck central Beirut and conducted a ground invasion into the south.

When Iran fired nearly 200 ballistic missiles on Israel Tuesday, it was undoubtedly a further escalation. This was only the second time Iran, which has traditionally worked through proxy militias, has ever directly attacked Israel this year. President Joe Biden noted that the attack was "defeated and ineffective," since Israel, with American help, managed to intercept most of the missiles and prevent any Israeli casualties, just as it had in April when Iran attacked Israel directly for the first time. Even so, this was a more serious and dangerous effort than in April, with more advanced weaponry and no early warning. This time, Iran meant it. But it still failed to land a punch.

From the perspective of the Iranian regime, it had to try. Iran's reach in the region is through its proxy militias, and Israel has taken a hammer to them. Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps said Iran's attack was in retaliation for Israel's assassination of Hezbollah's long-time leader Hassan Nasrallah in a strike in Beirut, and Hamas' leader Ismail Haniyeh in a guesthouse in Tehran in July.

But Israel's assault on Iran's proxies goes far beyond the leadership. Hamas has been cowed by a yearlong scorched-earth assault in Gaza, and Israel's recent actions in Lebanon have pummeled Hezbollah, Iran's strongest and most well-armed nonstate ally.

Iran would have lost all credibility with its "axis of resistance" partners had it failed to respond, but in doing so, Iran revealed its limitations.

So what's next? Unlike after Iran's failed attack in April, no one is telling Netanyahu to "take the win" this time. Both Israel and the United States have promised that Iran will pay.

Iran, meanwhile, is looking at a world where Israel's military and intelligence advantage is proving overwhelming. If neither its proxies nor its own military capacity can still project power and deter attacks, nuclear weapons are probably looking as attractive as ever to the Islamic Republic. And the state is believed to be within reach of producing them.

Neither the United States nor Israel is ready to allow that. This means that the next logical step in this chain of events is likely Israel, probably with U.S. support, striking nuclear facilities inside Iran, thereby sparking the all-out war that so many have feared for a year.

For Netanyahu, and many hawks in the U.S. foreign policy establishment, this is the moment they've been hoping for. Iran and the groups that act as its muscle in the region are all on the back foot. What better time to strike?

But overwhelming military advantage doesn't necessarily

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translate to a quick and clean war. The United States learned that lesson in Iraq. It doesn't even guarantee success is preventing Iran from going nuclear. And the civilian harm would surely eclipse the horrific suffering we've already seen in Gaza.

Most importantly, though, this path has no endgame. The conflict undergirding the region's instability would remain intact. At best, it would contain threats for a period of time. More likely, it merely spawns more.

As has been the case for years before this war and every day since, the only path to lasting peace, for Israel and all its neighbors, is political resolution of the Palestinian question. Even if Israel succeeded in toppling Iran's destabilizing regime (an unlikely outcome but likely Netanyahu's ultimate aim), what then? The deep traumas that this region's people have faced will continue to fuel extremism for a population that is offered no better options.

Will anyone have the power and courage to pull either side back from the brink before it's too late? Momentum is narrowing that window. The U.S. electoral timeline seriously diminishes the chance that America will play that role effectively, at least until January.

Does leadership in Iran or Israel realize how fraught the path ahead is? The world can only hope.

# We all made the Pete Rose tragedy possible

In Pete Rose's old neighborhood on the West Side of Cincinnati, kids were taught to look both ways when crossing U.S. 50, to be home by supper, to fight for everything in life and to never speak ill of the dead.

Rose—Major League Baseball's all-time hit leader and most notorious gambler—learned these lessons well. Even after he became a baseball pariah, banished to the hinterlands of his sport for betting on his own team and sabotaging himself again and again, Rose rarely dished dirt on other players and refused to insult A. Bartlett Giamatti, the commissioner who oversaw his 1989 ouster and died of a heart attack eight days later.

"I like Bart Giamatti," Rose told me once. "He was an honest guy. And a good league president. A good commissioner." Rose wanted me to know that if I wanted him to attack the man who had overseen the end of his career, I was going to be waiting a long time.

With Rose's death last week at 83, the moment calls for us to break the West Side code. We must reckon with his complicated legacy, tally the cost of his mistakes and lies. And we must acknowledge the uncomfortable reality that we—the sports media, the fans, the culture—helped make the tragedy of Pete Rose possible.

Rose was, from the beginning, a deeply flawed person, prone to narcissism and excess. As a young man, he was never the best player, but driven by an overbearing father, he acted as if he were. He swaggered through high school, told teammates he was great, and in the minor leagues in the early 1960s, he infuriated other players by appearing to try too hard. They didn't like that he sprinted to first base on a walk or slid headfirst into bases. And they really didn't like it when Rose jumped the line, passing over more established players to become the starting second baseman for the Cincinnati Reds in 1963.

It could have ended there; Rose wasn't yet a great ballplayer. But he refused to squander his opportunity. He worked hard, studied pitchers and hitting, and somehow he became more than the sum of his parts. Rose became our most ordinary extraordinary athlete—and sportswriters loved him for it.

They were almost all white, male and working-class, just like him. Female reporters wouldn't even be allowed inside major league locker rooms until 1978. And in this de facto white boys' club, Rose became a god; he became Charlie Hustle. Sportswriters celebrated him for his grit and determination and happily ignored his obvious flaws: his womanizing, his gambling and his apparent addiction to both.

It was an easy choice for the writers. Rose was charming, loved to talk about baseball and always made light of any concerns about his propensity to get down a bet. He admitted being addicted to gambling only later, and only when it served him. The first time was in 1990, when he was seeking leniency in his federal sentencing for tax evasion, and he acknowledged it again in 2004, when he published a shallow, self-serving memoir that he hoped would get him reinstated to baseball.

In reality, Rose was horribly addicted in ways he'd never truly acknowledge. He couldn't stop gambling. Many people knew it—journalists, Major League Baseball officials, the Reds' management, his friends, even ordinary fans—and in the end they all just watched him fall.

In the days, weeks, months and maybe years to come, there will be many debates about whether Rose should finally be reinstated and placed on the ballot for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Many have long speculated that this would come after his death, after he was gone. And it's a debate

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worth having. These conversations reveal a lot about us and raise important questions.

What are we celebrating at a Hall of Fame? Are we honoring players for the lives they lived, the choices they made, or for the games they played, the statistics they compiled? And if we are making moral judgments about players, where do we draw the lines? Many bad actors are already enshrined at Cooperstown. Things get messy when we start lionizing anyone, perhaps especially young men who were just good at playing a child's game.

But the more interesting debate is about our complicity in creating Rose. Because while he is gone, we are still here and prone to making the same mistakes in a world where there are fewer reporters in the locker room, new barriers to media access to players and widespread risks that Rose never faced, such as legalized sports gambling on our phones.

Today the leagues want us to place our bets—during the next commercial break, as soon as possible and as often as we can. They make money from licensing deals and profit from the engagement that sports gambling creates. But no one wants to discuss the reality. No one wants to admit the truth. The next Pete Rose is out there right now, and we are almost certainly cheering for him, just as we once cheered for Charlie Hustle.

## HARRIS

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month. "The people are dead. The country is in rubble."

As president, he said, he would negotiate a truce "in one day." "That deal would be easy," he said.

His running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, has been more precise, suggesting Russia could keep the Ukrainian territory it has seized and Ukraine would be barred from joining NATO.

Harris denounced that idea: "These proposals are the same of those of Putin. They are proposals for surrender."

Ukraine isn't the only beleaguered country Trump might cut adrift. Asked last year whether he would help defend Taiwan against a potential Chinese invasion, he ducked the question—and complained that Taiwan "took all of our [semiconductor] business."

Trump has also promised to touch off trade wars by imposing

tariffs as high as 20% on every other country in the world, plus 60% on China—another step that would strain traditional alliances and sow chaos in the U.S. and global economy.

In his first term, the former reality television star often proposed that kind of disruptive action, apparently believing it would help him negotiate from a position of strength.

In many cases, top aides drawn from the conservative national security establishment talked him out of the moves. But in a second term, Trump has suggested that he would no longer be constrained by traditionalist cautions—he would staff his White House with MAGA loyalists, not establishment figures.

Harris would be a more predictable leader—and predictability is a quality foreign governments cherish. Scholars have debated whether her foreign policy would look more like Biden's, with its embrace of global leadership, or that of President Obama, who sought a more restrained approach that one of his aides described as "leading from behind."

But those are nuances compared to her differences with

Trump. The choice before voters is stark: international leadership built around long-standing alliances, or disruptive unilateralism with a strange fondness for authoritarians.

That question won't decide the November election. Most voters will make their choices on domestic issues, especially the economy. Even in swing-state Michigan, home to the nation's largest Arab American community, only 1% of Democratic voters say they consider U.S. policy in the Middle East the most important issue, according to a New York Times/Siena College poll last month.

But even if those international issues aren't at the top of voters' minds, they still deserve a share of their attention.

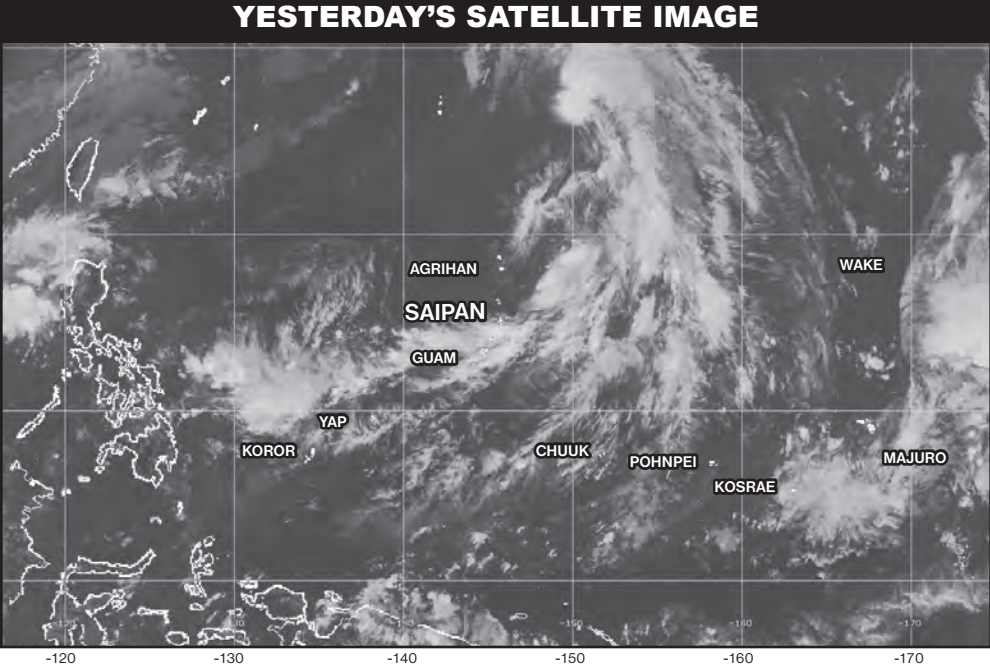
In travels around the country, Hill, the former Trump aide, has encountered technology executives in North Carolina who need imported minerals to make industrial batteries, and lentil farmers in Idaho who rely on foreign markets to sell their crops.

"We tend to think foreign policy doesn't matter much," she said. "But sooner or later, foreign policy will come to find you."



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and a slight chance for thunderstorms.		Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.		Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.		Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers.	
86°	77°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°



Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A wet pattern is expected to continue through most of the weekend. Showers may break around the beginning of next week. POPs were decreased slightly for today and tonight as imagery suggests the small break in the monsoon surge. The atmosphere is still capable of producing showers and thunderstorm. Seas are expected to be 5 to 7 feet and winds are expected to be up to fresh.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 78°	
Yap	Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	88° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°	
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 77°	
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:07 AM	5:59 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:14 PM	11:32 PM	-
Friday	1:08 PM	-	-
Saturday	-	12:32 AM	1:59 PM
Sunday	-	1:33 AM	2:47 PM
Monday	-	2:33 AM	3:32 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 55°	
Beijing	Haze	74° / 52°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	86° / 76°	
Honolulu	Windy	84° / 75°	
London	Cloudy	64° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Cloudy	77° / 63°	
Manila	Fair	93° / 80°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°	
New York	Mostly Cloudy	74° / 57°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	77° / 65°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°	
Busan	Cloudy	72° / 62°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	73° / 54°	
Salem	Sunny	78° / 52°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	60° / 52°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	74° / 53°	
Tokyo	Rain Shower	66° / 60°	
Washington, DC	Fair	70° / 54°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
6:22 AM	Low Tide	-0.02	
2:36 PM	High Tide	1.62	
7:39 PM	Low Tide	1.39	
11:11 PM	High Tide	1.50	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
UA824	11:50AM	2:25PM	1, 3, 5	UA825	5:30PM	10:00PM	2, 4, 7
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	UA184	10:25PM	4:15AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily	PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	2, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
7C3403/2305	4:45AM	10:20PM	Daily up to Oct 26	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA076/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	7C2306/3406	11:10PM	3:10PM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
				7C2306/3211	11:10PM	3:30PM+1	Daily from Oct 27
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:50AM +1	2, 5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily from Oct 28	7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily up to Oct 26
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily up to Oct 27	7C3211	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily from Oct 27
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily up to Oct 26	TW307	8:00PM	1:30AM+1	Daily up to Oct 27
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily up to Oct 26	TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
7C3212	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily from Oct 27	7C3404	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX77	3:05AM	6:00AM	1, 5	HX76	6:25PM	1:35AM+1	4, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 2, 2024

SAIPAN TO ROTA					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	08:30	09:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	10:30	11:00	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday
GUAM TO ROTA					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday
SAIPAN TO TINIAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1201	SAIPAN	TINIAN	7:30	7:45	Daily
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1206	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1207	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2101	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2107	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

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## LOCAL

## AFTER NZ NAVY SHIP CAUGHT FIRE AND SANK Samoa warns of 'highly probable' fuel spill



In this image released by New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), HMNZS *Manawanui* arrives in Funafuti Lagoon, Tuvalu, on Sept. 7, 2022.

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—A fuel spill is “highly probable” after a New Zealand navy ship grounded, caught fire and sank off the coast of Samoa, the Pacific island nation’s acting prime minister said late Sunday.

All 75 people on board the HMNZS *Manawanui* were taken to safety on life boats. The ship, one of only nine in New Zealand’s navy, was the first the country has lost at sea since World War II.

Officials in Samoa are assessing the environmental impact in the area where the ship sank on Sunday morning, acting Prime Minister Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio said in a statement.

The vessel’s passengers—including civilian scientists and foreign military personnel—evacuated in “challenging conditions” and darkness, New Zealand’s Chief of Navy Rear Admiral Garin Golding told reporters. The vessel was about a mile from shore when it grounded on a reef and began taking on water, and it took five hours for the first survivors to reach land, he said.

One person was treated in hospital for minor injuries and has been discharged, the military said. Up to 17 others sustained lacerations, contusions, or suspected concussions. An Air Force plane carrying 72 of those on board the ship touched down at an air base in Auckland on Monday night.

New Zealand will hold a court of inquiry into the loss of the ship. The cause of the accident is not known, but Defence Minister Judith Collins told 1News on Monday that she had been told a loss of power to the vessel had led to its grounding.

The specialist dive and hydrographic vessel had been in service for New Zealand since 2019, but was 20 years old and had previously belonged to Norway, Collins said. It



This image released by New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), shows HMNZS *Manawanui* at the Three Kings islands off the coast New Zealand, on Dec. 1, 2023.



Smoke rises from the sinking HMNZS *Manawanui* in Upolu, Samoa, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2022.

was surveying a reef off the coast of Upolu, Samoa’s most populous island, when it ran aground on the reef.

Photos and videos taken from the shore appeared to show the ship listing before disappearing completely below the waves, with a large plume of smoke rising where it sank. Collins said Sunday that she did not expect the vessel could be salvaged.

“This is a ship that unfortunately is pretty much gone,” she told reporters.

There was “a lot of fuel” on the ship and efforts had turned to assessing the potential environmental impact, Collins told Radio New Zealand Monday. New Zealand “would obviously have to front up” if there was a spill, she added.

The military said the ship, purchased for \$100 million NZ dollars (\$61 million) in 2018, was not covered by insurance.

The state of New Zealand’s aging military hardware has prompted warnings from the defense agency, which in a March report described the navy as “extremely fragile,” with ships idle due to problems retaining the staff needed to service and maintain them. Of the navy’s eight remaining ships, five are currently operational.

Golding said the HMNZS *Manawanui* underwent its usual maintenance before the deployment. The ship’s captain was an experienced commander who had worked on the vessel for two years, he said.

# Business

## BOG wins 3 Banky awards

**HAGĀTŊA, Guam**—Bank of Guam has been recognized among the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking, winning three major awards. Bank of Guam received the Institute’s Banky Award for its commitment to strong community banking. This recognition is given to top community banks across the country to help people find the best banks in their communities.

Bank of Guam received the Bank Award in 2022 and 2023. Additionally, Bank of Guam won the 2024 Money Smarts Banky Award for Financial Literacy Education and the BanksGiving Banky Award for Philanthropy. Money Smarts Banky Award for Financial Literacy Bank of Guam was recognized for its sustainability and social impact programs focused on financial literacy and financial empowerment throughout the island community. Thousands of hours were dedicated toward helping residents take control of their financial future, no matter their stage in life—from Guam’s public and private schools, faith-based groups, government housing and senior centers, cultural governments, government agencies, private businesses, and community events. Bank of Guam also won this award in 2023.

BanksGiving Banky Award for Philanthropy Bank of Guam was recog-



BOG

Bank of Guam received three awards from The Institute for Extraordinary Banking including the Bank Award, Money Smarts Bank Award for Financial Literacy Education, and the BanksGiving Banky Award for Philanthropy. Pictured, from left, Roxanne Emmerich, chair and founder, The Institute for Extraordinary Banking, and Maria Eugenia H. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam executive vice president and chief operating officer.

nized for the various community partnerships and causes supported throughout the year. One of the highlighted causes is the bank’s signature event, the Hagātña City Run & Block Party. Through this event, thousands of dollars were raised toward the fight against cancer, made possible through sponsorships, race registration, vendor pledges, beer garden and merchandise sales, and team registrations. Additionally, the bank’s post-Typhoon Mawar recovery efforts were recognized including fundraising initiatives, donating of facilities, and food donations.

“These awards reflect our deep commitment to the people of Guam and our belief in the power of community. Every day, we work alongside our neighbors to strengthen our islands. Whether it’s

through the Hagātña City Run & Block Party or our efforts to support recovery after Typhoon Mawar, we are driven by a simple idea that when we come together, we can achieve amazing things. Meanwhile, financial empowerment is more than just a goal for us—it’s a promise. We want every resident to feel confident in their financial future, no matter what their starting point. This recognition inspires us to keep pushing forward, building on our founder’s vision, and ensuring that everyone in our community has the tools and support they need to succeed,” said BOG president and CEO Joaquin P. L.G. Cook.

The Extraordinary Banking Awards emphasize the indispensable contribution community banks have and how important they are to the fabric of their communities. (PR)

## TikTok designed to be addictive to kids and causes them harm, US states’ lawsuits say

More than a dozen states and the District of Columbia filed lawsuits against TikTok on Tuesday, saying that the popular short-form video app is designed to be addictive to kids and harms their mental health.

The lawsuits stem from a national investigation into TikTok, which was launched in March 2022 by a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general from many states, including New York, California, Kentucky and New Jersey. All of the complaints were filed in state courts.

At the heart of each lawsuit is the TikTok algorithm, which powers what users see on the platform by populating the app’s main “For You” feed with content tailored to people’s interests. The law-

suits note TikTok design features that they say addict children to the platform, such as the ability to scroll endlessly through content, push notifications that come with built-in “buzzes” and face filters that create unattainable appearances for users.

“They’ve chosen profit over the health and safety, well-being and future of our children,” California Attorney General Rob Bonta said at a news conference in San Francisco. “And that is not something we can accept. So we’ve sued.”

The latest lawsuits come nearly a year after dozens of states sued Instagram parent Meta Platforms Inc. in state and federal courts for harming young people and contributing to the youth mental health

crisis by knowingly and deliberately designing addictive features that keep kids hooked on their platforms.

Keeping people on the platform is “how they generate massive ad revenue,” District of Columbia Attorney General Brian Schwab said in an interview. “But unfortunately, that’s also how they generate adverse mental health impacts on the users.”

The legal challenges, which also include Google’s YouTube, are part of a growing reckoning against social media companies and their effects on young people’s lives. In some cases, the challenges have been coordinated in a way that resembles how states previously organized against the tobacco and pharmaceutical industries. (AP)



# Nation

## AS HURRICANE MILTON CLOSES IN ON FLORIDA Time to evacuate running out

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)**—Hurricane Milton churned Wednesday toward a potentially catastrophic collision along the west coast of Florida, where some residents insisted they would stay after millions were ordered to evacuate and officials warned that stragglers would face grim odds of surviving.

The Tampa Bay area, home to more than 3.3 million people, faced the possibility of widespread destruction after avoiding direct hits from major hurricanes for more than a century. The National Hurricane Center predicted Milton, a monstrous Category 5 hurricane during much of its approach, would likely weaken but remain a major hurricane when it makes landfall late Wednesday.

Milton was centered late Tuesday about 405 miles (650 kilometers) southwest of Tampa with maximum sustained winds of 160 mph (260 kmh), the National Hurricane Center reported.

Forecasters predicted the

storm will retain hurricane strength as it crosses central Florida on Thursday on a path east toward the Atlantic Ocean. The hurricane's precise track remained uncertain, as forecasters Tuesday evening nudged its projected path slightly south of Tampa.

Thousands of fleeing cars clogged Florida's highways ahead of the storm, but time for evacuations was running out Wednesday. Tampa Mayor Jane Castor noted that up to 15 feet (4.5 meters) of storm surge forecast for her city would be deep enough to swallow an entire house.

"So if you're in it, basically that's the coffin that you're in," Castor said.

Milton targets communities still reeling two weeks after Hurricane Helene flooded streets and homes in western Florida along its devastating march that left at least 230 dead across the South.

In the bayside town of Punta Gorda, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Tampa, streets were still filled Tuesday with 5-foot (1.5-me-

ter) piles of soggy furniture, clothing, books, appliances and other trash dragged from damaged homes.

Many homes sat vacant, but accountant and art collector Scott Joiner remained on the second floor of the New Orleans-style home he built 17 years ago. Joiner said bull sharks swam in the flooded streets and a neighbor had to be rescued by canoe when Helene passed and flooded the first floor of his home.

"Water is a blessing to have," Joiner said, "but it is very deadly."

Joiner said he planned to go another round and ride out Milton, despite the risk.

Authorities have issued mandatory evacuation orders across 11 Florida counties with a combined population of about 5.9 million people, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Officials have warned that anyone staying behind must fend for themselves, as first responders are not expected to risk their lives attempting rescues at the height of the storm.

# World

## Israel plots to strike Iran

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Israel has promised to retaliate for Iran's massive missile attack last week. How it does so involves great risk, and could have major repercussions for the archenemies, the Middle East and the world.

Israel's options range from symbolic strikes on military targets to crippling attacks on Iran's vital oil industry or its secretive and heavily fortified nuclear program.

The intensity and timing of any retaliatory strike was expected to top the agenda of a planned meeting this week at the Pentagon between Israel's defense minister and his U.S. counterpart. But late Tuesday, the Pentagon said the meeting was abruptly postponed.

In a sign of possible disagreement over the right approach, President Joe Biden has already urged Israel not to hit Iran's nuclear program and discouraged it from hitting the oil industry.

The Associated Press spoke to two former Israeli prime ministers and other experts to explore Israel's options. There is broad consensus that Israel must strike back, but deep disagreement over the best way to do so.

"The question is not whether Israel will retaliate or respond," former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told AP. "The question is which way."

### Why is Israel threatening Iran?

Israel and Iran have been involved in a bitter shadow war for years—primarily through Israel's battles against Iranian-backed militant groups across the region. Israel also has been suspected of killing Iranian nuclear scientists and carrying out attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities, but it rarely acknowledges involvement.

Direct clashes have been rare. But things changed after Hamas attacked Israel from the Gaza Strip on Oct. 7, 2023, and Hezbollah began firing rockets at Israel the following day. Both groups receive support from Iran.

In April, Iran fired over 300 drones and missiles toward Israel after accusing it of killing two Iranian generals in a diplomatic compound in Syria. Nearly all of the missiles malfunctioned or were intercepted, and Israel responded with a limited strike that signaled it did not want any further escalation.

After last week's Iranian attack, Israel signaled its next response would be different.

Iran said the barrage of at least 180 ballistic missiles was to avenge a series of Israeli strikes against its close allies, Hamas and Hezbollah, including the assassination of the group's longtime leader. Although the missiles caused little damage or casualties, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Iran had made a "big mistake and it will pay for it." Members of his hard-line coalition have called for a harsh response.

### What options does Israel have?

Israel has a broad range of choices of targets—from Iranian government buildings and military bases to sensitive oil installations to heavily fortified nuclear facilities hidden deep below ground. Israel accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons—a charge Iran denies.

Striking anywhere in Iran is a logistical challenge for

Israel. Warplanes would need to fly over 1,500 kilometers (about 1,000 miles) to their target, requiring a complicated midair refueling operation, potentially over hostile skies. Any strike would also mean confronting Iran's Russian-made air-defense systems.

"Remember that Iran is 1,500, 1,600 kilometers (about 1,000 miles) away from Israel, and you have countries in between—Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia. Some are friends. Some are foes," said Yoel Guzansky, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv and a former adviser on Iranian affairs on Israel's National Security Council.

"You don't want to embarrass your friends. You don't want to get hostile fire from other countries," he said.

Olmert, who served as prime minister from 2006 to 2009, said Israel is more than capable of coping with these challenges.

"We have the capabilities," he said. "I'm not certain it would be wise and responsible to expose them."

Even if Israel has the means, there are diplomatic considerations. A strike on the oil sector, Iran's economic backbone, or on the nuclear program would almost certainly guarantee an Iranian response and raise the risk of further escalation.

Such strikes could rattle global oil markets and shake the U.S. economy on the eve of a presidential election. They also could risk Iranian retaliation not only against Israel, but against American troops stationed in the region or Gulf Arab countries aligned with the West.

"Unlike Lebanon and Gaza, every Israeli attack on Iran has international and global repercussions," said Menahem Merhavy, an Iran expert at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

### So how will Israel respond?

Former leaders are divided on what path Israel should choose.

Olmert said a strike on multiple military targets, spread across Iran's vast territory, would be more than enough to send a message. The goal, he said, is to show that Israel can strike anywhere and anytime.

"That's precisely what deterrence is all about," he said.

Olmert said hitting Iran's oil sector would be an unnecessary escalation that invites a response, and that striking the nuclear program is not worth the risk. Not only would it trigger Iranian retaliation, but the odds of success are uncertain, he said.

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# Life & Style

## Keough felt duty to finish mom's book on Elvis, grief, addiction, love

By KAITLYN HUAMANI  
Associated Press

Riley Keough was quick to agree to help complete her mother's memoir. She thought they'd write it together, reflecting on her extraordinary upbringing and life, but it became a much greater responsibility after Lisa Marie Presley's sudden death in 2023.

Finishing the task her mother—the only child of Elvis and Priscilla Presley and a recording artist in her own right—had started years earlier elicited “all kinds of emotions,” Keough said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the book's release Tuesday.

“It just felt like a kind of a duty that I had to complete for her,” Keough said. “I'm just happy that it's done and that



Riley Keough, left, and her mother Lisa Marie Presley arrive at the 24th annual ELLE Women in Hollywood Awards on Oct. 16, 2017, in Los Angeles.

it'll be in the world and there for people to read.”

“From Here to the Great Unknown” is named in a nod

to the moving lyrics of Presley's “Where No One Stands Alone,” a song Lisa Marie recorded as a duet with her fa-

ther over 50 years after he first released it and over 40 years after his death.

The book touches on themes of “love and loss and grief and mothers and daughters and addiction,” Keough said, adding it was conceived as a way for Lisa Marie to tell her story in her own words and connect with others.

Much of the book is indeed in Lisa Marie's words, as Keough faithfully listened to recordings of her mother recounting memories and experiences both big and small. Lisa Marie wrote openly about the day her father died, her relationship with her mother, her marriage to Michael Jackson, her struggles with addiction and her son Benjamin's death in 2020, among many other parts of her life.

Although Lisa Marie's life had been tabloid fodder since days after her birth, her memoir details intimate moments at Graceland, including how she feared for Presley's health as a young girl. In the chapter titled “He's Gone,” she wrote that as a child, she often worried about her father dying and even wrote a poem with the line “I hope my daddy doesn't die.”

She also wrote that Graceland became a “free-for-all” the day of Presley's death in 1977, with those at the house

taking jewelry and personal items “before he was even pronounced dead.”

Lisa Marie's frank writing extends into the section focused on her headline-making marriage to Jackson from 1994 to 1996. She wrote that Jackson confessed his love for her while she was still married to Keough, and that him wanting to have children with her, along with his increasing reliance on prescription medications, is what fractured their relationship.

### Oprah selects Lisa Marie Presley's posthumous memoir as next book club selection

NEW YORK (AP)—Oprah Winfrey has chosen Lisa Marie Presley's posthumous memoir as her new book club pick, and made a trip to the famed Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, to meet with Presley's daughter and Elvis and Priscilla Presley's granddaughter, actor Riley Keough.

Lisa Marie Presley's “From Here to the Great Unknown,” completed by Keough after Presley died unexpectedly in 2023, was published Tuesday. Winfrey's interview with Keough, which will include rare family photos, home videos and audio recordings made by Lisa Marie Presley, will air Tuesday night at 8 p.m. EDT on CBS.

“I have great love and admiration for Lisa Marie Presley, and was so moved that her daughter Riley, through her grief, was able to help her finish a beautifully touching memoir that allows us to see her mother at her most honest and vulnerable,” Winfrey said in a statement. “This is an intimate look at what it was like growing up as heir to one of America's most famous families.”

Keough said in a statement that upon being told by Winfrey that she had selected “From Here to the Great Unknown,” she thought of how her mother would have been proud “to know her story was going to be read and discussed with such empathy,

thought and grace.”

“She would have felt incredibly vulnerable, but profoundly grateful for the chance to really reach people,” added Keough, who along with Julia Roberts narrated the audiobook edition.

Lisa Marie Presley was the only daughter of Elvis Presley, who was just 42 when he died suddenly in 1977 at Graceland, while young Lisa Marie was in the house. In preparing her memoir, she had recorded “story after story about smashing golf carts together in the yards of Graceland, about the unconditional love she felt from her father, about being upstairs, just the two of them. About getting dragged screaming out of the bathroom as she ran toward his

body on the floor,” according to the publisher, Random House.

The singer and actor also talked about her marriage to Michael Jackson, struggles with addiction and the “ever-present grief” of losing her father. In a video clip released before Tuesday's interview aired, Keough told Winfrey that at times she would find her mother on the floor, drunk, listening to her father's music and crying.

Lisa Marie Presley was 54 when she died of complications from bariatric surgery years earlier. Keough is the oldest of her four children, two of whom she had with actor-musician Danny Keough and two with guitarist-producer Michael Lockwood.

### Qantas Airways apologizes after R-rated film reportedly airs on every screen during flight

NEW YORK (AP)—Qantas Airways has drawn up a stir after broadcasting a slightly-racy movie across an entire flight. And the Australian carrier now is apologizing to customers.

There were technical issues with the in-flight entertainment for a trip from Sydney to Haneda last week, Qantas confirmed to The Associated Press—making individual movie selection unavailable. As a result, the crew chose one movie to play across all screens “based on the request from a number of passengers,” the company said.

Qantas did not identify the movie by name, but several media outlets have reported that it was “Daddio,” an R-rated film that hit theaters earlier this year.

“Daddio” follows a woman (Dakota Johnson) who takes a cab from JFK airport and strikes up an extended conversation with her driver (Sean

Penn) on her way back home to Manhattan—as the two discuss anything from what it takes to be a New Yorker to relationships and infidelity, notably her current affair with a married man. The film carries an R rating for “language throughout, sexual material and brief graphic nudity.”

Social media posts from users who claim they were on the Qantas flight said they were uncomfortable by nudity and sexting featured in the film—particularly for families and children who were on board. Two users on Reddit said that it was also impossible for individual passengers to turn off the movie.

After determining that the movie was not appropriate for all ages, the Qantas crew attempted to fix screens for travelers who did not want to watch it—but later found that this was not possible and changed course.

### Guests let their dirty dog sleep in the bed

DEAR ABBY: I own a lake cabin and enjoy hosting friends and relatives. Even though I don't have a pet myself, I like animals and don't mind if people ask to bring their dogs, because the ground floor is linoleum that's easy to clean when the inevitable sand and water get tracked in.

Last year, I invited my niece and her husband to spend the weekend, and they showed up with their large, long-haired dog. Even though they hadn't asked in advance, I didn't have a problem with it until it was time to go to bed. They brought their dog to bed with them in the upstairs guest room. I was so surprised I didn't know what to say.

Dogs have never gone upstairs before, much less rolled around in the bed. They have either slept downstairs on their own, or their owners brought crates or had the dogs sleep in their cars. After the couple left, I had to deep-clean the room to remove the dog hair, including dusting, vacuuming (it is carpeted) and washing all the bed linens (comforter, shams, throws, etc.). I usually just spiff up the room and change the sheets in preparation for the next visitors.

Abby, this couple is coming to the cabin again, and I assume they still have the dog. Should I broach the subject, after setting a precedent during their last visit, or resign myself to the extra cleaning? My relationship with this niece is cordial but slightly

strained due to some past family history, so what's more important—relationships or a clean room?

CABIN HOST IN MINNESOTA

**DEAR HOST: They are both important. You can clean up a room, but you can't repair a severed relationship as easily. That said, avoid this dilemma in the future by explaining your house rules to your niece BEFORE she, her husband and her dog come to the cabin again. Ideally, it should have been done when you and your niece discussed her visiting a second time.**

■■■

DEAR ABBY: A friendship of 40 years has fallen apart because he refuses to stand up for himself to his wife. She has dominated him throughout their many decades of marriage. Like any narcissist, she managed to isolate him from his family and move him to remote places where he knew no one. Now she is terminally ill and refusing to allow him to move where his family could help him care for her.

His family and I feel the same. Like any narcissist, she has also turned him against me. Along the way, they have made terrible and troubling financial decisions. It is too painful to watch, so I've withdrawn from the friendship rather than support these bad decisions. Was that the right thing to do?

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FORMER FRIEND IN IOWA

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson

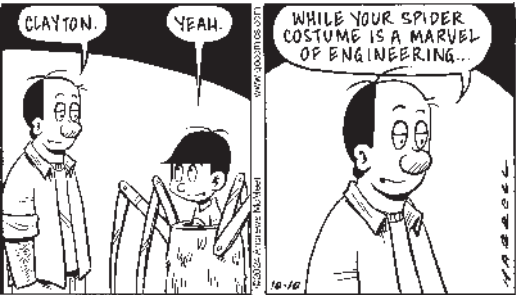


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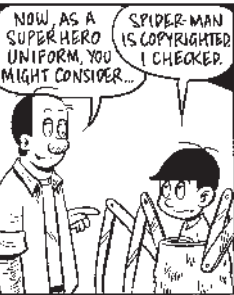
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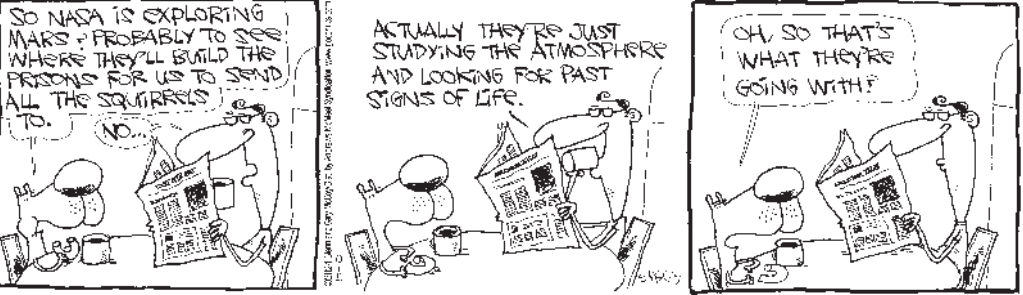


By Bryan Basset



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By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jodi Lyn O'Keefe, 46; Mario Lopez, 51; Wendi McLendon-Covey, 55; Nora Roberts, 74.

Happy Birthday: Put your energy into conquering your dreams, and refuse to let anger deter you from reaching your objective. Opportunity is present; all you must do is harness that energy and apply it where it will pay the highest return. Travel, learn, get back to basics and revive what's most important to you. Make personal and domestic changes that ease your mind and allow you to do what makes you happy. Your numbers are 3, 10, 17, 24, 36, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of unfinished business. It's difficult to move forward when living in the past. Don't rely on or trust others to do what's best for you. Opportunity begins by taking the initiative and making things happen. Start with personal growth and a strategy that fits your needs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow through with your intentions. Stop worrying about what others think or do, and concentrate on accomplishing your goals. Personal improvements will offer a unique perspective regarding possibilities and opportunities. Step up; make your voice heard, and recognize that your actions will make a difference. Romance is in the stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pay attention to detail. Dedicate more time to gathering information and mapping out your plans. If you rely on others, disappointment will prevail. Make yourself available and see matters through from beginning to end. Keep your personal information, passwords and plans to yourself. Your actions will impact onlookers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It will be easy to fuel an argument; choose your words wisely. A kind gesture will make life easier and change your perspective regarding rules and regulations. Networking functions will

result in a worthwhile connection. Self-improvement will encourage a new look, healthier lifestyle and innovative plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your wit, charm and intellect to get what you want. Keep your opinions and plans to yourself until those you deal with reveal their true colors and beliefs. Protect your home, possessions and meaningful relationships from outside interference. Align yourself with those offering equal opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate in events that offer guidance and encouragement. The information you gather will impact your perspective and help devise a strategy for your lifestyle and prospects. Personal gains and partnerships will unfold if you follow your heart and lend a helping hand. Romance is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take pride in your work. Pay attention to detail and channel your energy into getting positive results. Look for opportunities and shun negativity and procrastination. Set the stage for success and surpass your expectations. Eliminate what no longer works and replace it with good vibes, people and prospects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spread your wings and fly. Make a choice to engage in talks that offer a unique perspective regarding lifestyles and ways to use your skills, experience and knowledge. Refuse to act on secondhand information. A thorough investigation before making a change will save you time and money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Address financial matters before penalties apply. Review investments and shared expenses and consider how to lower your overhead to make your dollar stretch. Use your connections to gather information to help you implement a healthier lifestyle. A discussion will turn into a

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proposal. Invest time, not cash.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give yourself a chance to digest information before you respond. Look at every angle and consider the pros and cons. A change may be tempting, but before you follow someone else's lead, determine if it's right for you. A lifestyle change will encourage better health and relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Opportunities are within reach. Verify information, rules and regulations, and set boundaries to ensure you live and invest within your means. Participating in functions that offer insight into bettering your health and investments will point you in the right direction. Don't take a risk with your health.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get physical; engage in activities that make you feel good about yourself and your appearance. Additional confidence will help you attract people who have something to offer. Love is on the rise, and participating in events that lift your spirits will set the stage for an interesting encounter.

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, helpful and opportunistic. You are conscientious and kind.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty: ★★★

10/10

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Yesterday's Answer

Difficulty: ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the TROWELS.

Solution: 9 letters

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# Mets beat Phillies behind Alonso, Manaea to take 2-1 lead in NLDS



**NEW YORK**

(A P) — Pete Alonso launched another homer off Aaron Nola, and Sean Manaea took a two-hit shutout into the eighth inning as the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-2 on Tuesday in Game 3 of their NL Division Series.

Jesse Winker also went deep and Starling Marte had a pivotal two-run single to help the wild-card Mets, playing their first home game in 16 days, grab a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five set.

Game 4 is Wednesday, with All-Star Ranger Suárez scheduled to start for Philadelphia against fellow lefty Jose Quintana. A win advances New York to the National League Championship Series to face the Los Angeles Dodgers or San Diego Padres.

The Mets have never had a clinching celebration at Citi Field, which opened in 2009.

“We’re looking to finish this and be done. They’re looking to try and extend the series and get back to Philadelphia. So it’s a battle of wills tomorrow and we’ll see what happens,” New York outfielder Brandon Nimmo said.

After reaching the 2022 World Series and Game 7 of last year’s NLCS, the NL East champion Phillies are on the brink of an early playoff exit at the hands of the rival Mets.

“I know it got out that I had spoken to the team,” manager Rob Thomson said. “Basically it’s just very simple: You come in here tomorrow, and I told them it’s the most resilient club I’ve ever been around. That’s what they’re all about. They’re all about toughness and fighting and playing together. That’s what we need to do, and just focus on one game.”

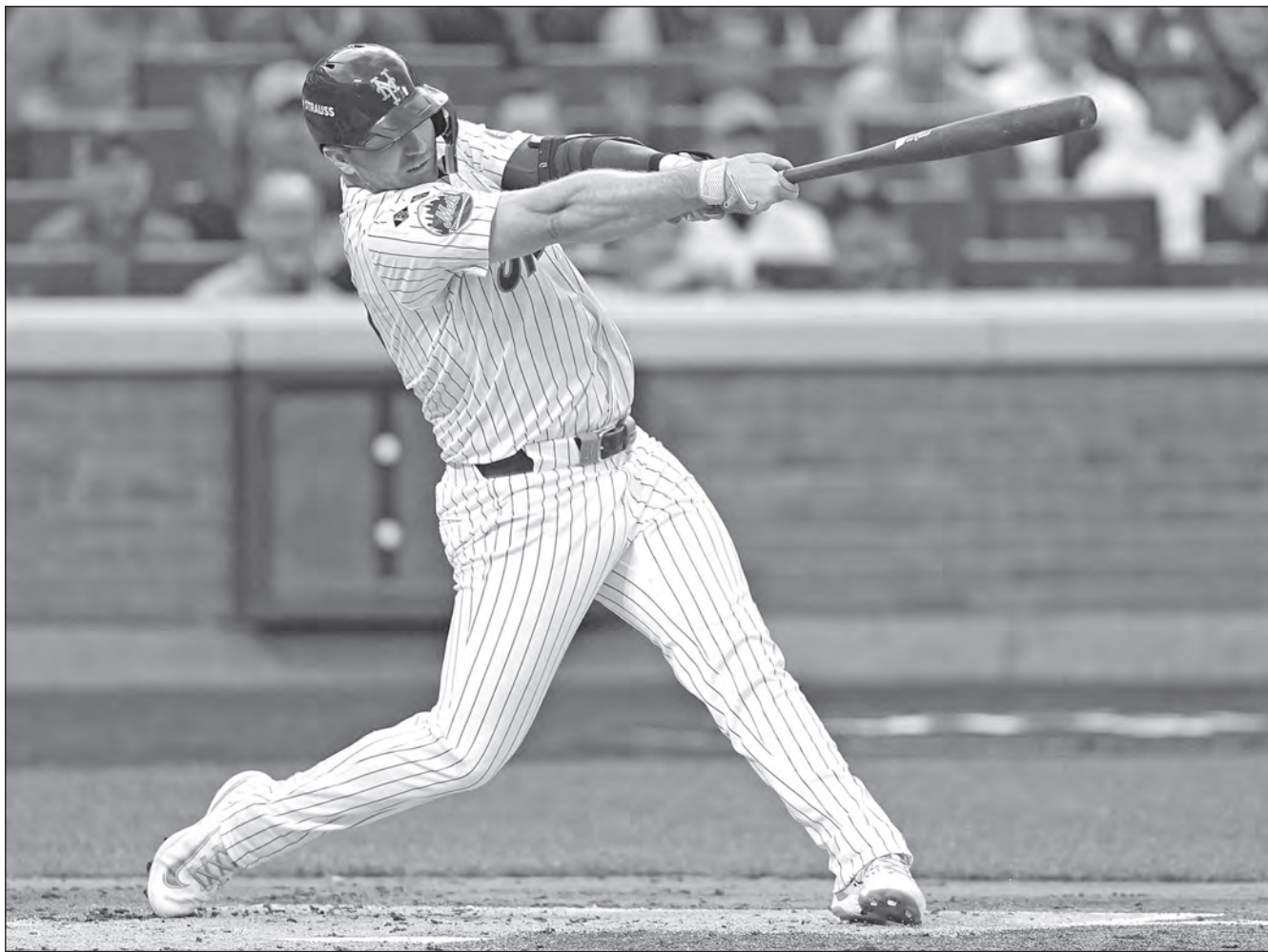
Manaea was lifted after allowing an infield single to start the eighth. The big left-hander, who blossomed into New York’s ace during the second half of the season, received hearty pats on the chest from teammates and a standing ovation from the towel-waving sellout crowd of 44,093 as he strolled off the mound.

He brought his glove to his lips and looked toward the sky.

“That was for my Aunt Mabel. Just got a message that she had passed away early this morning,” Manaea said. “So that game was for her.”

Aided by Tyrone Taylor’s terrific throw from deep center field that cut down a runner at second base in the fourth, Manaea earned his first playoff win after entering 0-3 with a 10.66 ERA in his postseason career. He struck out six and walked two.

“Felt like he wanted this



New York Mets Pete Alonso (20) connects for a solo home run against the Philadelphia Phillies during the second inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball playoff series, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, in New York.

moment,” teammate Francisco Lindor said. “He gave everything he had.”

Clinging to a 2-0 lead, Manaea escaped major trouble in the sixth. After issuing consecutive walks to start the inning, he received a mound visit from pitching coach Jeremy Hefner and struck out star slugger Bryce Harper on three off-speed pitches.

“Just went right after it,” Manaea said.

Nick Castellanos then lined into an inning-ending double play, as the Mets’ middle infield doubled off Kyle Schwarber at second base. A pumped-up Manaea screamed “Let’s go!” as he bounced off the mound.

Alonso sent Nola’s first pitch of the second deep to right field. He flipped his bat high in the air on his way to first base when the ball reached the front row of the second deck.

It was Alonso’s second home run of the series and third in New York’s past four playoff games. All of those have been to the opposite field—the slugger went the other way on only four of his 34 homers during the regular season.

“Wherever it goes out, if it does, I’m just happy it does,” Alonso said. “If I’m hitting balls the other way, it’s typically a good sign.”

Nola and Alonso have been squaring off since their college days in the Southeastern Conference, but the matchup has been one-sided in the majors. It was Alonso’s sixth career

homer off the right-hander, after entering with a .320 batting average and 1.050 OPS in 54 career plate appearances against him.

“He knows me. I know him,” Alonso said. “He’s a well-polished guy and he’s tough. I’m just happy I was able to come through for the team right there.”

Thomson left Nola on the mound in the sixth to face Alonso, who drew New York’s second consecutive walk following Mark Vientos’ leadoff single.

With the bases loaded, Orion Kerker replaced Nola and got two outs before Marte’s two-run single made it 4-0.

Nimmo and Alonso drew back-to-back walks to load the bases again in the seventh before Jose Iglesias added a two-run single off José Ruiz with two outs.

Harper and Castellanos each hit an RBI single in the eighth, but Ryne Stanek retired slumping Alec Bohm to end the inning.

Lindor, playing his first home game since Sept. 8 because of a back injury, delivered a run-scoring double in the bottom half to make it 7-2.

The exuberant Winker connected for a solo shot in the fourth and watched the whole way from home plate as his first career postseason homer soared into the second deck in right.

**PADRES 2, DODGERS 1**  
**SAN DIEGO** (A P)—Fernando Tatis Jr.’s towering

two-run home run highlighted a six-run second inning, and the San Diego Padres held on to beat Shohei Ohtani and the rival Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 on Tuesday night to take a 2-1 lead in a tense NL Division Series.

The Padres moved within one victory of eliminating the Dodgers in the NLDS for the second time in three seasons. Game 4 is Wednesday night at Petco Park, which was packed with a rally towel-waving record crowd of 47,744.

The fans roared as Robert Suarez struck out Gavin Lux on a full-count pitch to complete a four-out save.

Tatis said he feeds off the crowd’s energy.

“I feel like I take it to another level; my mindset, my body. Everything is through the roof,” Tatis said.

“He likes it,” manager Mike Shildt said. “He’s one of the many guys on our team that appreciates and enjoys bright lights and embraces it. He just wants to go play and perform.”

Tatis’ impressive homer gave the Padres a 6-1 lead, but Teoscar Hernández hit a grand slam with one out in the third off Michael King to bring the Dodgers within a run.

Mookie Betts also homered for the Dodgers to break an 0-for-22 playoff slump, but apparently thought left fielder Jurickson Profar had robbed him like he did in Sunday night’s 10-2 Padres win at Dodger Stadium, when tempers flared on the field and in the stands. Betts rounded first and headed toward the

dugout before teammates and even King motioned that it was a homer.

Tatis’ shot into the left-field seats was his third of the series, leaving him one shy of the NLDS record held by Carlos Beltran (2004, Houston) and Nick Castellanos (2023, Philadelphia). Tatis had two of San Diego’s six homers Sunday night. The flamboyant Tatis stood for a few seconds and watched the ball sail out of the yard, flipped his bat and gestured toward the dugout before beginning his trot.

“When I hit it I just blacked out, started screaming at my dugout. Energy through the roof,” the dreadlocked Dominican said.

“I made a bad 0-2 pitch and he does what he does,” said losing pitcher Walker Buehler.

In five playoff games, Tatis is 10 of 18 (.556) with a 1.969 OPS, four homers and no strikeouts.

King got his second win in as many playoff starts after allowing five runs and five hits in five innings, with three strikeouts and one walk. He was coming off a gem in the opening game of the Wild Card Series against Atlanta, when he became the first pitcher in history to have 12 strikeouts with no runs and no walks in a postseason debut in San Diego’s 4-0 win.

The Dodgers are on the brink of losing in the NLDS for the third straight season.

“I like how we fought after we came back after that six-run inning,” Freddie Freeman said. “I know Dodgers fans

don’t want to hear about fighting and stuff but I think the positive is Mookie got some hits today and things are looking good.”

Betts gave the Dodgers a 1-0 lead in the first after some confusion.

He lofted a flyball to the left-field corner with one out in the first inning at almost the same distance as he did in Dodger Stadium on Sunday night, when Profar leaped and reached into the crowd to make the catch. After Profar landed, he trolled the fans by staring at them and bouncing up and down several times before throwing the ball to the infield.

Profar leaped again Tuesday night but couldn’t bring it back, with the ball ticking off his glove and into the crowd. Betts rounded first and turned toward the dugout before he got to second. Betts’ teammates in the dugout, including Max Muncy, motioned for him to keep going and King gestured with his right arm that it was fair.

Betts resumed his trot after his first playoff hit since Game 3 of the 2022 NLDS against San Diego, which the Padres won in four games.

San Diego’s second-inning outburst came against Buehler, who was making his first playoff start since Game 6 of the NLCS against Atlanta. Buehler missed the 2023 season after undergoing a second Tommy John surgery in August 2022.

The first five Padres batters reached and scored. Xander Bogaerts drove in a run on a fielder’s choice and David Peralta hit a two-run double. Kyle Higashioka hit a sacrifice fly two batters before Tatis homered with two outs.

Manny Machado hit a lead-off single and ended up on third after first baseman Freeman fielded Jackson Merrill’s grounder and hit Machado on the left shoulder while throwing to second from his knees.

Buehler also went five innings, allowing six runs and seven hits with no strikeouts and one walk.

“You can’t give up six runs in an inning in the playoffs and expect to win,” Buehler said. “I put us in a really bad spot and we fought back, but the spot was too big.”

The Dodgers opened the third by loading the bases on consecutive singles by Miguel Rojas, Ohtani and Betts before Hernández hit a towering shot to straightaway center.

Ohtani went 1 for 4 and struck out twice. He hit a three-run homer in the Dodgers’ Game 1 victory but has been a nonfactor in the two losses, going 1 for 8 and fanning four times.



# Hurricane Milton forces Bucs, Lightning to leave Florida early

The NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning have left Florida ahead of Hurricane Milton to practice the rest of the week.

The Bucs departed Tuesday, relocating to New Orleans, where they'll face the Saints on Sunday. The Lightning left for Raleigh, North Carolina, on Monday night to continue preparations for their season opener against the Carolina Hurricanes on Friday night.

## » Other teams also alter games

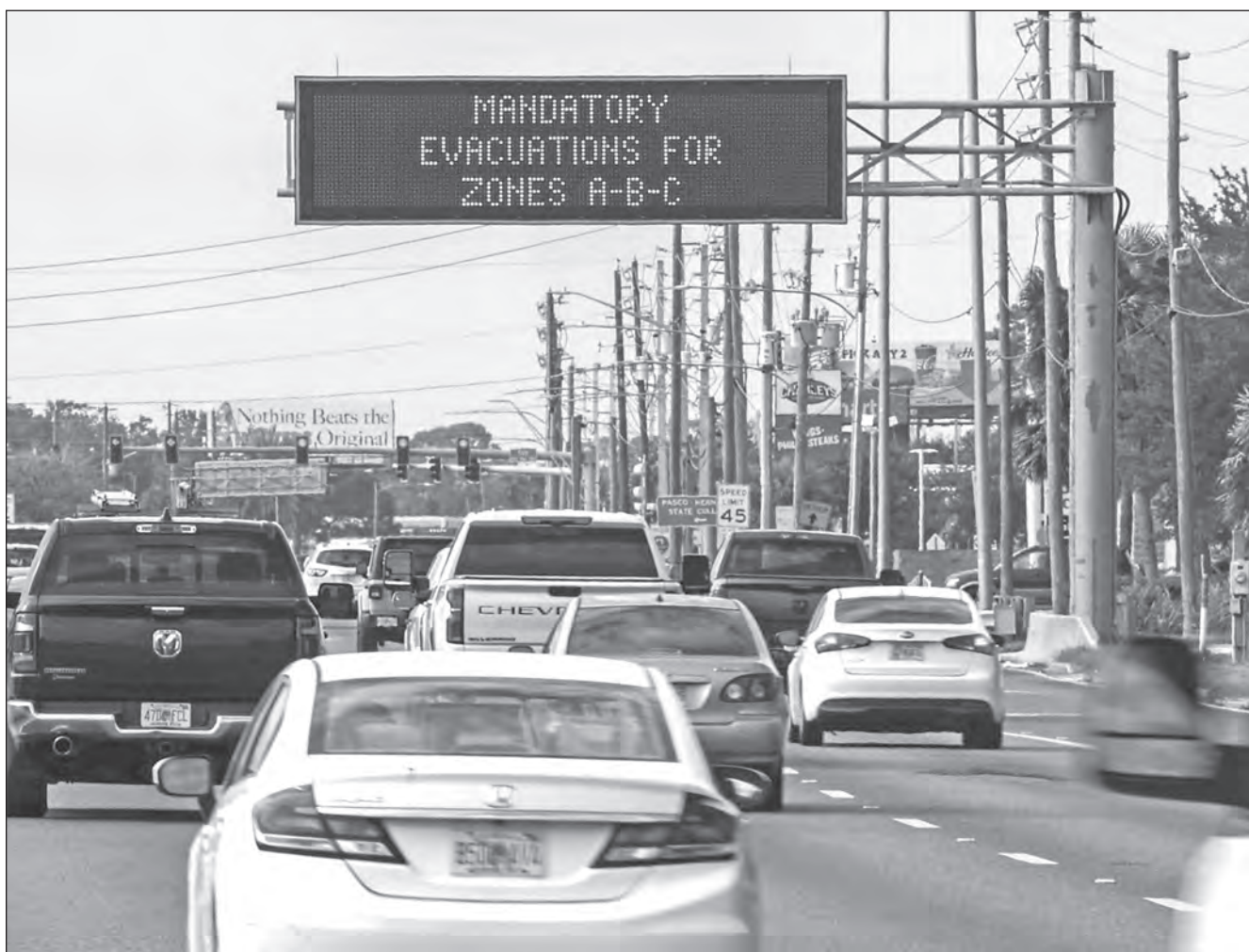
Milton, currently a Category 5 hurricane, is projected to make landfall in the Tampa Bay area on Wednesday night.

The Lightning's home opener against Carolina is set for Saturday night and is on as scheduled for now.

It's third time in the past seven years the Bucs have shifted operations to another area to avoid bad weather.

In 2020, they traveled to South Florida ahead of Hurricane Ian to practice at the Miami Dolphins' training facility before returning home to play the Kansas City Chiefs. When Tampa Bay's 2017 season opener against the Dolphins was postponed because of Hurricane Irma, the team chartered several planes to move players, coaches and families to Charlotte, North Carolina, to escape the storm.

This time, the Glazer family, which owns the Bucs,



Highway signage announces the impending arrival of Hurricane Milton and the evacuations zones on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, in Port Richey, Fla.

booked two planes for a traveling party of about 350 people and 31 pets that included players, coaches and staff who would normally travel to an away game. Staff also had the ability to include their immediate family members and pets.

The team also purchased

more than 200 hotel rooms in the Orlando and Gainesville areas for employees and families who wanted to evacuate from their homes ahead of the storm.

At the college level, the American Athletic Conference announced that a football game between Memphis and

South Florida at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa has been rescheduled from Friday night to Saturday. The conference plans to monitor conditions after Milton passes and adjust accordingly.

UCF's Big 12 home football game vs. Cincinnati remains scheduled for a 3:30 p.m. EDT

kickoff Saturday in Orlando.

The Knights rescheduled events in several other sports, including shifting UCF's home volleyball match against Colorado from Wednesday night to Sunday. UCF and Arizona changed the location of Thursday's women's soccer match from Orlando to Hous-

ton. With Arizona set to play at Houston on Sunday and UCF scheduled to play at Colorado the same day, the teams agreed to play Thursday's match in Texas.

UCF's men's soccer match vs. Marshall was rescheduled from Friday night to Sunday. Other college events postponed include a women's soccer match in Boca Raton between Florida Atlantic and Rice; it was to be played Thursday and now will be played on Oct. 17.

The LPGA Tour postponed the qualifying stage of its LPGA Q-Series that was scheduled for Oct. 13-18 at Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice, Florida. The tour said it would provide an update for the qualifying tournament after the storm passes.

"Our thoughts are with the entire Florida community as we prepare for the storm," the LPGA said.

And in the NBA, a pre-season game in Miami—which is not expected to feel hurricane conditions, but is likely to get strong wind gusts and several inches of rain—between the Heat and the Atlanta Hawks was pushed back from Thursday to Oct. 16.

Also, countless high school sports events scheduled around Florida were called off. In many counties, officials were waiting to see what would happen with football games scheduled for Thursday and Friday. (AP)

# Head-scratchers by Bengals and Bills coaches in waning seconds highlight NFL's topsy-turvy Week 5

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Pro Football Writer



If only Zac Taylor and Sean McDermott could have swapped end-of-game strategies, the teetering Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills might have avoided their big bellyflops in the NFL's topsy-turvy Week 5.

Taylor called three straight runs that ultimately doomed Cincy (1-4) and McDermott dialed up three straight passes that basically did in Buffalo (3-2).

Joe Burrow and Lamar Jackson put on an electric quarterback duel in Cincinnati, combining for 740 yards passing and nine touchdown throws.

The Ravens were driving for a potential winning touchdown in overtime when Jackson fumbled the snap and Cincinnati's Germaine Pratt recovered all the way back at the Ravens' 38.

That was already safely in kicker Evan McPherson's range. He'd nailed his last three field goal attempts from



Cincinnati Bengals head coach Zac Taylor, center, reacts while talking to official Mark Perlman (9) during the second half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, in Cincinnati.

50 or more yards and had made his last 14 tries in the fourth quarter or overtime.

So, Taylor played it safe and had Joe Burrow hand off three times to Chase Brown rather than have Burrow keep throwing. He'd already thrown for 392 yards and a career-high

five touchdowns, including two each to Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins.

Chase led the Bengals with 10 catches for 193 yards, and Higgins had nine grabs for 83 yards and both faced single coverage on the Bengals' final series.

Even though 50-yarders have become routine in the NFL, a lot can go wrong on a long field-goal attempt, and after the Bengals ran three times into Baltimore's wall of defenders for 3 yards, McPherson, known as "Money Mac" for his accuracy, lined up for

a 53-yard try that sailed wide left after holder Ryan Rehkow mishandled the snap.

Baltimore took over on its own 43. On the next play, Derrick Henry, who had been bottled up all afternoon with just 41 yards on 14 carries, rumbled 51 yards down to the Bengals 6 and Justin Tucker chipped in the 24-yarder for the 41-38 win.

Burrow defended Taylor's conservative approach.

"I'm not going to second-guess that," Burrow said. "We're in field-goal range. Yes, you want to get yards to make it easier on him. As good as their rush is, you always take a chance at getting sacked in that situation."

Which, coincidentally, is one reason Bills fans were miffed when McDermott called for three passes when they got the ball at their own 3 with 32 seconds left rather than handing off three times and draining the Texans of their three timeouts.

Unlike Burrow, Josh Allen was having an awful day—he completed just 9 of 30 passes for 131 yards and misfired on

his final eight throws.

As the broadcast crew noted, the Bills were risking a safety for a hold by throwing out of their end zone three times and again on fourth down when Sam Martin booted a 56-yard punt just inches from the back of the end zone.

It was returned 13 yards to the Bills' 46, and Houston had seven seconds and all of their timeouts left. While Allen and the Bills prepared for overtime on the sideline, C.J. Stroud hit a quick 5-yard pass to running back Dare Ogunbowale and called timeout with 2 seconds remaining.

Ka'imi Fairbairn trotted out and nailed the 59-yarder as time expired for a 23-20 win.

McDermott readily accepted the blame afterward by noting the Bills should have at least attempted a run on first down — "And that's on me," he said.

Unless they bounce back in a big way, both the Bills and Bengals may find themselves looking back and lamenting their lost opportunities and their coach's conservative calls that backfired so spectacularly.



# Economic conditions caused postponement of MTEC golf fundraiser

By MARK RABAGO

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The 2024 Marianas Tourism Golf Cup Classic scheduled for Oct. 12, 2024 was postponed due to the current local economic conditions.

"The MTEC board discussed the situation with our business partners and stakeholders, and with the current economic condi-

tions we decided to postpone the fundraising event to next year," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente.

Rest assured, Benavente said MTEC will continue its educational outreach efforts and other initiatives with the CNMI community despite the postponement of its signature fundraiser.

"We did have golfers sign up and looking forward to playing. We also had a few sponsors who came on board. But the usual major sponsors

were not in the position to assist this year, citing business levels over the past year or so," she added.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion said they support MTEC's decision to postpone the 2024 Marianas Tourism Golf Cup Classic.

"The MVA understands the decision by the Marianas Tourism Education Council to postpone the Mari-

anas Tourism Golf Classic to 2025 due to the challenging economic environment right now. We support their decision and will work with them again as we prepare for the tournament to take place in the coming months. We thank the MTEC board of directors for their dedication towards educating our youth about our tourism industry."

MTEC said a date will be

announced for the 2025 Marianas Tourism Golf Cup Classic. Registered players will be issued a refund from their venue of registration (original credit card required, if registered with card). For more information, contact MVA Community Project specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3200.

MTEC is a non-profit organization formed in 2002 that aims to heighten the community's awareness of the importance of tourism to

the well-being of the people of the Marianas. Its stated mission is three-fold—to foster community understanding and support of the visitor industry; to educate the general public, especially school students, about the value, social benefits, and economic contributions made to the community by the visitor industry; and to instill, improve, and promote the "Hafa Adai-Tirow" hospitality spirit throughout the island community.



Benavente

## V-BALL

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Finally, a point was made by the Lady Rays, but by then MHS was up, 12-2.

Great serves by MHS' rotation solidified their second set assault of points until finally, the Lady Rays were in possession after a long rally, 3-16. Zoe Lee then worked to get the Lady Rays out of the trenches with unreturnable serves, and soon, it was 6-16. However, MHS' defense still held steadfast and despite their effort, the Lady Rays stagnated at 12 points, 21-12.

With Fatialofa and Lee in SSHS' roster are Mai Peters, Martha Cabrera, Angel Calage, Ha'ani Passi, Kiara Tabora, Kaydence Gillespie, and Joselyn Atalig.

In other results that night, Kagman High School Ayuyus II beat Saipan International School Lady Geckos II, 21-6, 21-18; SIS survived Mount Carmel School Knights after three tough sets, 16-21, 21-8, 15-12; and Grace Christian Academy Lady Eagles took down Agape Christian School Torchbearers, 21-10, 21-18.

In the standings, MHS leads with their 4-1 record; GCA is at 3-2; MCS has an even 3-3 record; and SIS, KHS, ACS, and SSHS are all at 2-3; and

Next Tuesday, Oct. 15, is the last day of regular season games, with the championship series set for Oct. 23-25.



LEIGH GASES

Marianas High School volleyball players celebrate landing a point by pointing up their finger in the air during their game against Saipan Southern High School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.



LEIGH GASE

Saipan Southern High School volleyball players are hyped up after a huddle during their game against Marianas High School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.



LEIGH GASES

Marianas High School's Charlotte Amano bumps a return during the second set of their game against Saipan Southern High School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.



LEIGH GASES

Saipan Southern High School volleyball players celebrate after a point as their coach Shawn Davis claps in the foreground during their game against Marianas High School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.

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set the tone for the Hilitais as just a minute later, Angel Calayag doubled their lead. She then doubled her tally in the ninth minute for a 3-0 game.

Elyza Brillo followed it up a minute later for a quick 4-0 lead. The Napu Riders then tried to push into HMS territory but came up empty, while HMS took a break from attacking FMS' keeper. But the reprieve for FMS was short lived as HMS' Calayag completed her hat-trick in the 19th minute.

Brillo found the net again in the 27th and it was now a 6-0 game. Then, before FMS could even regroup, Gariguez made a fast-break play in the 28th to make it 7-0.

The onslaught continued as Calayag collected two more goals, while Brillo completed her hat-trick in the 36th, followed by a goal by Anica Aquino.

The only blemish in HMS' record was a draw against last season's runner up SIS in the first game of the season.

After HMS' game, Dandan Middle School Tottots took on Saipan International School

Lady Geckos and ended in a 2-2 stalemate.

It seemed like the Lady Geckos had the game in the bag after scoring their two goals by the 23rd minute—both by Beatrice Gross. For the Tottots, it was a quiet first half as they tried to penetrate SIS' defenses to no avail.

Then, they had a pulse in the 42nd when Talina Aguon-McClure found the back of the net to cut the lead in half, 1-2. They rode on that momentum full speed as just three minutes later, Elikristiana Iglecias evened the game up with a clutch goal, 2-2.

Both teams could not get the better of the other as time wound down and it eventually ended in a draw.

In the standings behind HMS' 4-1-0 win-draw-loss record is SIS at 3-2-0. DMS is at 3-1-1; FMS has a 1-1-3 record; while Tanapag Middle School is at 0-1-3; and Chacha Ocean Middle School haven't won a game at four losses.

The last day of games in the regular season is today between TMS and COVMS.

The playoffs start on Tuesday, Oct. 15, while the championship and third place game is on Thursday, Oct. 22.

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For the boys team standings, DMS was first with a score of 20. SIS was second with 47 points, Chacha Ocean View Middle School Lancherus was third at 51; the Hilitais were fourth at 56; ACS was fifth at 60; and Francisco M. Sablan Middle School was last at 99.

In individual standings, DMS' Jacob Encabo took first place in the boys division with a time of 13:15; ACS' Lucas Yang came in second at 14 minutes flat, and DMS' Yuxi Lu was third at 14:16.

The girls division Top 3 was swept by SIS runners. Faith Arriola was first at 16:16, while second was Neveah Arriola at 17:01, and third was Beatrice Gross at 18:09.

Dr. Ron Snyder, SIS head-

master and coach and meet director said of the season's many sweeps, "ACS sweep in the HS boys has been really interesting. Both MHS and SIS put forward strong teams with some great times. It is a testament to Agape's program that they have so much depth that they are able to score victories race after race. But I wouldn't count out either MHS or SIS in the championships."

He added, "The SIS MS girls also swept the season, earning a perfect score twice. They have shown amazing athleticism and I expect a great finish from them in the championships."

This race concludes the qualifier rounds of the season. The championship is set for this Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Saipan Country Club (Saipan Vegas) at 6:30am.





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## Lady Dolphins drown Lady Rays in girls v-ball



LEIGH GASES

Marianas High School's Fiona Regan leaps for a kill during the second set of their game against Saipan Southern High School in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.

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**M**arianas High School Lady Dolphins got back into winning form as they drowned Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays in the continuation of the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.



LEIGH GASES

Saipan Southern High School's Azriel Fatialofa jumps and uses her tall frame to defend the net against Marianas High School's Cassie Regan during the first set of their game in the NMIVA-PSS Interscholastic Girls High School Volleyball League 2024-2025 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium last Tuesday.



After their only loss so far of the season against Mount Carmel School last Oct. 1, the Lady Dolphins put their game face on and won their next three straight games.

In their game against the Lady Rays, the Lady Dolphins took their momentum and turned it into their fourth win of the season after crushing them in two straight sets, 21-11, 21-12.

The second set came and went as swiftly as the first—but not without some fight from the Lady Rays.

The Lady Rays were down, 2-6 in the first, but with the help of transfer student and multi-sport athlete Azriel Fatialofa, they caught up, 11-17. However, spunky and fast Erika Zanduetta of MHS made point-saving plays and blocks that gave them the advantage and the eventual first set win.

The Lady Dolphins then opened up the second set with back-to-back points from unhittable serves by Rizza Relucio to make it 4-1—then left the Lady Rays reeling as they left them behind, 8-1.

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## Undefeated HMS atop girls soccer

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Defending champions Hopwood Middle School Hilitais are still the team to beat this season as they collected their fourth win in their last regular season game of the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Hilitais struck their



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File photo shows Hopwood Middle School's Anica Aquino chasing after a loose ball during their opening game against Saipan International School in the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

fourth straight win after they blanked neighbors Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Napu Riders, 11-0, last Tuesday.

HMS established their dominance early with a goal by Princess Gariguez three minutes into the match. That

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## Lady Geckos sweep MS x-country



LEIGH GASES

File photo shows Saipan International School cross-country runners posing for a photo during the second qualifier of the PSS/NMA All Schools Cross-Country 2024-2025 the American Memorial Park last Sept. 14.

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A clean sweep of the qualifiers was the name of the game in the PSS/NMA All Schools Cross-Country 2024-2025 season.

The Lady Geckos of Saipan International School swept the

middle school girls division after coming out first again in the fourth and final qualifier last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

This sweep makes it the eighth sweep of the season. In previous reports, Agape Christian School Torchbearers swept the high school division, while Brilliant Star School swept the elementary school division, Victor Nash

Santos swept the high school boys individual standings, and elementary school runners Beau Bauer and Lovel Spaeth swept all four qualifiers.

The Lady Geckos came out on top with the lowest and best score of 13. Dandan Middle School Tottots and Hopwood Middle School Hilitais were tied at 32 points each, while ACS accumulated 51.

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Hopwood Middle School's girls soccer team poses for a group photo with their coaches Dominic Tudela, standing far left, and Connie Camacho, standing far right, during their game in the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.